

addressed that many times in other areas, but not in the area of the taking of private property. Private property rights extend certainly to other issues. The one at point today is real estate. I think it is important that we tilt the field at least to even, and not leave it as it currently is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. If I can take a moment out, this morning we have some special guests of Senator Pedersen. Underneath the north balcony is his daughter Michaela Pedersen from Elkhorn, and friends of Senator Pedersen, Michelle Gallardo and Kwalisha, and also a special guest is Senator Pedersen's granddaughter, Caeli, who is in his arms at the moment. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. If you would please rise and be recognized. Thank you, Senator Pedersen. You certainly improved your image there. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on LB 222? Senator Hall, to close, please. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I apologize. The proposal with the adoption of the Chambers amendment and the committee amendments incorporates the three proposals that the committee heard, and I know Senator Coordsen was in Revenue Committee this morning when we began debate on this bill, and I did preface the fact that he introduced LB 318 and he introduced a similar piece of legislation last year. There was three bills heard that day, and there is at least two others that await hearing that deal with this same subject. Hopefully, those hearings will go quickly if this bill is advanced over. But I believe what it does is it brings some...some fairness to the process in terms of whether or not the landowner feels that they are not threatened by the appeal process in terms of losing some of the value of the award that, at a minimum, was the original award and potentially what may or may not be on appeal. With that, Mr. President, I would urge the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 222.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Hall. You've heard the closing. The question is, shall LB 222 advance to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of LB 222. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 222.